

# Disciplers

## BIBLE STUDIES

### My dear fellow Disciplers,

Summer has drawn to a close and I hope you have all enjoyed a time of rest and relaxation with family and friends, along with special quiet times of fellowship with the Lord. Most of all I hope you have been eager to return to study with like-minded friends. The Bible is a never-ending treasure trove of truth that is *profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness so that we, the people of God, may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work* (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

God's Word has been uppermost in my thoughts the past few months as I have been taking time to linger in Psalm 119, not only the longest psalm, but also the longest chapter in the Bible. The 176 verses are divided into 22 stanzas, one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. I have been studying stanza by stanza, and discovering the glory of God's Word, for that is the psalmist's subject. In the end, he sees that God's Word is life to His soul, he depends upon its promises, delights in it, longs to obey it completely, and is so moved by what he learns that he bursts into praise to God. Tarrying in Psalm 119 has given me new appreciation for God's Word and new joy in studying. You can find further thoughts on Psalm 119 on the Disciplers website blog page, [disciplersonline.org/blog](http://disciplersonline.org/blog) (October 2016 - July 2017 posts).

Besides spending time in God's Word, it has been a busy and exciting summer at Disciplers as classes are being established in other countries. We recently received a request for Disciplers studies from an American woman in Panama who is organizing a study for expats in her area. She has previously studied with

a large Disciplers class in Raleigh, N.C. and is eager to use the studies again.

Mr. Gurinder Bhalla in Shimla, India began requesting studies in July, 2016. His plan was to begin with Genesis and Luke and work his way through the Bible using Disciplers studies. He is now working on Job and Paul's letters to the Philippians and Colossians. In his latest email he shared that he is gratified to now be sharing the studies with friends and others they bring to learn about God's Word. There is much discrimination against Christians in India, so we hope you will



*Disciplers prayer team at Rolling Hills Covenant Church in California. They are honored and blessed to pray for you all.*

join us in prayer for Mr. Bhalla and those who study with him. Another man who is busy sharing Disciplers studies abroad is Mr. Samuel Simwa in Western Kenya. He has started four Disciplers study groups and you can read more about him on the next page.

A new avenue Disciplers has recently taken is homeschooling. Many moms and homeschool groups have been requesting studies and we have received positive feedback from both parents and students. Several years ago I led a group of high school students in the study of Acts, using Disciplers. Having never studied the Bible in a structured way before, they were a

little resistant at first with lots of giggling and whispering among themselves. But it didn't take long for enthusiasm to develop and grow until everyone was joining in lively, thoughtful, and caring discussion. God is faithful to His Word! The Darlington family can attest to that, and you can meet them here in the newsletter.

Of course, the mainstay of Disciplers are the many groups, both large and small, that meet in homes and churches across the U.S.A. Today there are close to two hundred Disciplers classes ranging in size from four to over five hundred. We would

like you to meet one of our newer groups hailing from Michigan.

My thoughts are with you all as you enthusiastically dig into God's Word for another season of study. Please be willing for God to teach you and work in your life to His glory as you yield to Him. And remember that our prayer team and I support you with our prayers.



With love in Christ,

Suzie

Director of Disciplers Bible Studies

## Homeschoolers

This wonderful and fun-loving family has been using Disciplers studies for their family devotions and homeschooling for so many years we've lost track. It has been a joy for us at Disciplers to watch their family grow in numbers, in stature, and in the Lord. Below are some of the comments we have received from them over the years.

"Thank you so much for your prayers! It is evident people are praying for our

family; so many needs but the Lord is faithfully leading us through them."

"We are using this for our family Bible time every morning with our family. The Lord has allowed us to home school so this is our Bible class as well for our children. We are so grateful to the Lord for this ministry. It has been a wonderful teaching tool for our family over the years!!!"

"We are SO GRATEFUL FOR DISCIPLERS words cannot express our thankfulness! Soli Deo Gloria!!!"



*The Darlington Family, Knoxville, TN*

*I rejoice in Your Word as one who finds great treasure.*

Psalm 119:162

## New Church Group

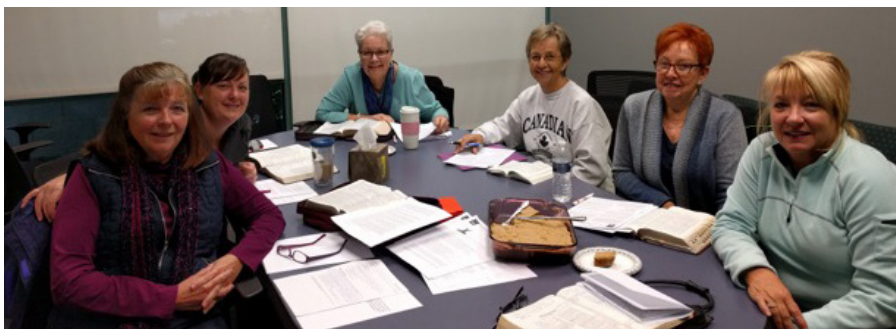
Nancy Grevenstuck leads this group of ladies in Bible study at inSpirit Church in Byron Center, MI.

It was Nancy's desire to begin a Bible study when she and her husband first began attending this church four years ago, but God delayed the fulfillment of that desire until last year, using the time to give her further training. Now she says, "His timing was perfect and it's exciting to be part of the ministry at inSpirit Church and see all the Kingdom work going on here.

"Our group is small but these ladies are eager to learn and study God's Word. They always come prepared and ready to share. It is a very diverse group. Some of the ladies grew up in Christian homes and others became Christians later in life.

That makes sharing very interesting and we are learning a lot from each other. The ladies have bonded well. We encourage and pray for one another and have seen many answers to our prayers within the group."

"We will be studying Song of Solomon starting in September 2017. I encouraged the ladies to choose the study they wanted to do next. To be honest I was a little hesitant because of all the descriptive language in Song of Solomon, but I decided, because of the characteristics of our small group of women, we could handle it. I went through all the lessons last month and have found that I love the study and can't wait to share it with the ladies. I like the way the lessons tie into the New Testament and make it relevant for us today. I will never look at Song of Solomon in the same way Thank you for that study."

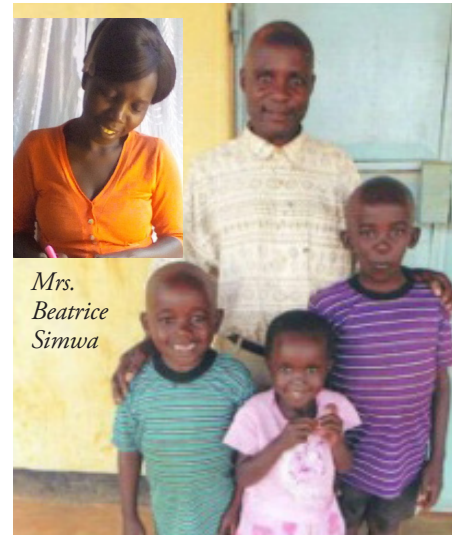


*Disciplers group in Michigan*

## Disciplers in Kenya

Mr. Simwa lives in rural Western Kenya. We first sent him a box of studies and Bibles in February of this year with the help of a special memorial gift from a Disciplers class in North Carolina. For the past several months he has been busy organizing three Disciplers Bible studies groups near his home in Bungoma County and another in Malaba, Uganda. He writes often to keep us updated on the classes and the progress of those God brings to study. Mr. Simwa writes:

"I praise the Lord Jesus Christ who strengthens me to do Discipler's Bible studies. God called me from my family of Balonja Bakheana, this is what my tribe is called. I was wanting to live a life for God and He helped me. He brought me out of the wilderness and called me to stand before Him for the people, and teach them, and direct them in the way of God's truth. I am dependent upon God every time. Praise God!"



*Mrs. Beatrice Simwa*

*Mr. Simwa with his children David Wakhungu, Jonathan Lubuyi, and Mishelle Namarome*

"Remember me and pray for me, especially about the poverty and polygamy in the area. Pray for us as God enables us to build classes with Discipler's Bible Studies ministry. I have a freedom to read and study God's word and encourage others to study the Bible...I feel I am a part of the large family of God. The books written by men of God from the past centuries, centered on the person of Jesus, are great. Thank you for the studies and the Bibles you have sent us. God bless you constantly. Thank you very much. I have joy!!"